

**"AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS"**

1. (Currently Amended) A process to make a termite bait compacted composition ~~said process comprising~~ consisting essentially of the following steps:

(a) mixing alpha-cellulose, water, and a pesticide to form a mixture;  
followed by

(b) compacting said mixture to a density greater than 1 gram per cubic  
centimeter to form a compacted composition; followed by

(c) drying said compacted composition to remove at least a portion of said  
water to produce voids in said compacted composition;

wherein the composition after step (c) have has from 60 to 99 weight percent  
alpha-cellulose and 40 to 1 weight percent water based on the weight of said alpha-  
cellulose and said water, and furthermore the composition after step (c) has from  
0.0001 to 10 weight percent pesticide based on the weight of said alpha-cellulose, said  
water, and said pesticide.

2. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein the compacted  
composition after step (c) comprising alpha-cellulose, water, and a pesticide, where  
said composition is in the form of a briquette.

3. (Currently Amended) The composition produced after step (c) according to  
claims 1 or 2 A process comprising compacting a mixture that comprises alpha-  
cellulose, water, and a pesticide, to form a compacted composition.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) A process comprising consisting essentially of applying  
a composition according to claim 3 any of the compositions according to claims 1-2 to  
the locus of a pest one or more termites in an amount effective to lower the number of  
such termites pests in such locus.